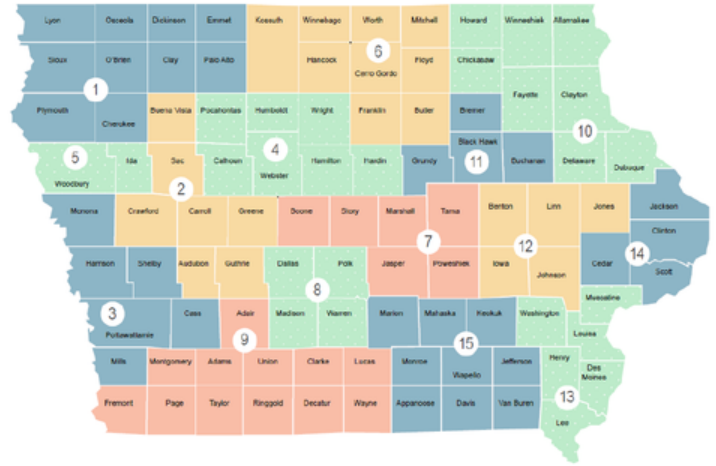


# Healthy Child Care Iowa (HCCI) State Fiscal Year 2025 (SFY25)

## SFY25 Snapshot

**99** All 99 counties in Iowa have local Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC) services

Healthy Child Care Iowa (HCCI) works to improve the quality of health and safety in Early Care and Education (ECE) programs. Centers and homes serve infants, toddlers, preschoolers, school-aged children and their families.

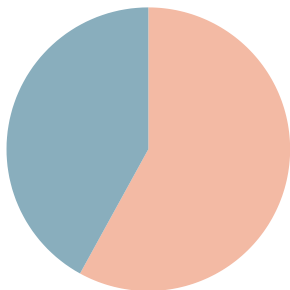


The CCNC program is evidence-based and helps to ensure that children have access to healthy and safe care. CCNCs build collaborative relationships with child care programs offering their support, knowledge and desire to help them succeed with improving quality in their child care environment. Every child care environment and early childhood professional is unique just as the children that attend their program.

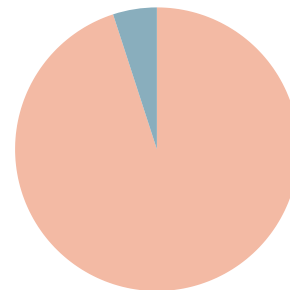
	SFY25 Totals
Visits made by Child Care Nurse Consultants	3,449
Technical assistance provided	10,067
Child care programs who participated with a CCNC	1,938

## Child and Adolescent Health (CAH) State Performance Measure #3

Percentage of Early Care and Education Programs who received CCNC Services



**58%** of ECE programs participated with a Child Care Nurse Consultant (CCNC)



**95%** of ECE programs who participated with their local CCNC increased health and safety in their child care environment.

## Child Care Nurse Consultants



**32** Registered nurses with specialized training and vast knowledge of best practices in child care health and safety employed as CCNCs

CCNC services are free of charge and are a voluntary service for child care programs. CCNCs provide visits for reviewing child health records, care plans for children with special health needs, medication administration policy, assessing playgrounds for safety, and completing the Iowa Quality For Kids® researched-based Health and Safety Checklist. CCNCs also provide health and safety trainings for child care providers. These are just few of the valuable services provided to assist providers to improve quality in early childhood programs.

## Special Health Needs

CCNCs in SFY25 identified **1,898** special health needs when providing services to child care programs. The number of special health needs has increased over the past 4 years from 458 in SFY21 to 2,027 in SFY24. In SFY25, there was a slight decrease in the number of special health needs. Increasing numbers of young children with seizures, asthma, insulin dependent diabetes, behavioral and developmental disorders has become a trend nationwide.

Special Health Need	SFY25 Total
Asthma	339
Allergies/Anaphylaxis	787
Seizures	136
Diabetes	73
IEP/ISFP	267
Other	296

**88%** Of the health needs identified had a care plan in place as a result of CCNC services.

## Special Health Needs Care Plans

CCNCs have the skill and expertise to assist child care programs and families to ensure children with special health needs have a care plan in place. A care plan details how the child care provider will keep a child with a special health need(s) safe and healthy while attending child care. Plans are individualized and tailored to each child's unique needs. CCNCs work in collaboration with the child's medical provider to create the plan, then they work with the child care provider and staff to ensure they understand and are able to follow through with the care plan. This includes competency in necessary skills, medication administration (when needed) and individualized emergency procedures. An individualized care plan is an ongoing process that can take time and coordination depending on the complexity of the health needs of the child. Care planning is done with the child care provider, family and child's health care team that may involve several specialists.

## Health and Safety Trainings

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Health and safety trainings are provided to early childhood professionals. Trainings provided by the CCNC are important for child care professional development and in meeting children's individualized needs. CCNCs offered face-to-face and virtual trainings in SFY25.

**398** Health and safety trainings completed    **2,868** Providers attended CCNC trainings

**98%** Of participants gained knowledge from trainings provided by CCNCs

### Trainings Provided by Local CCNCs

- Back to Sleep-Tummy to Play: Reducing the Risk of SIDS & Promoting Active Tummy Time
- Breast Milk Feeding Promotion and Support in Child Care
- Caring for Children with Allergies, Anaphylaxis and Seizures
- Caring for Children with Asthma
- Immunization and Child Care
- Medication Administration Skills Competency
- Playground Supervision and Sun Safety Iowa Training Program
- The Period of PURPLE Crying
- Universal Precautions
- Emergency Preparedness
- NEW for this fiscal year Iowa Outdoor Learning Environment

## Impact of CCNC Services

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There were numerous success stories shared by the CCNCs during SFY25 with positive impacts for child care providers, program environments, children, families and communities.

### Impacts of CCNC services from SFY25 include:

Re-assessed a child who scored very high on the ASQ:SE. The CCNC helped connect this child to their medical provider, 1st Five and early intervention resources. At this time, the child scored within normal limits on the developmental screening, showing that the interventions put in place are working and the child is progressing/developing well.

The CCNC helped with confusion about the use of sanitizing and disinfecting products by providing visits and follow-up technical assistance. The CCNC provided education about the types of products, health and safety concerns to consider with both products, EPA registration, and how the products should be used for illness/disease prevention.

Diabetic education took place with 3 different child care programs caring for a child with insulin dependent diabetes. The CCNC instructed staff on hypoglycemia and hyperglycemia, checking blood glucose levels, administering insulin, counting carbs, checking for ketones in urine and emergency planning.



# Healthy Child Care Iowa Funding SFY25

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